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Mr. Danny L. Croser
Grant Services
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street, Room 477
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW FOR A REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION AND
FEASIBILITY STUDY PROJECT

Dear Mr. Croser:

This letter notifies you of a Superfund project proposed to be funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). However, prior to funding this project, the Agency will negotiate with the potentially responsible parties (RPs) to obtain their commitment to conduct this project in lieu of the Agency. This project is subject to the State Intergovernmental Review process. The 60-day comment period on this proposed action will commence five (5) days after the date of this letter. Please address any comments on the proposed action to the EPA Regional Project Manager (RPM), Jon K. Cornholm. The proposed project is outlined below:

1. Site Name: Medley Farm Site
2. Location of Site: White Plains Township, Cherokee County, South Carolina
3. Site Rank: This site was proposed in May 1986 for inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL) (40 CFR Part 300, Appendix C) established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) (P.L. 96-510), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) (P.L. 99-499). If selected for the NPL, the site will rank in Group 14.
4. Nature of the Problem: The Medley site is located on County Road 72 off State Route 18 in White Plains Township approximately six (6) miles south of Caffney, South Carolina. The disposal site is an approximately 7-acre plot of land within a 65.4-acre parcel owned by Mr. Ralph C. Medley.

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From approximately 1966 to 1976, the site was used for waste disposal. Investigations by EPA in June 1983 and the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) in June 1983 and July 1984 documented the presence of approximately 2,000 drums in deteriorating conditions and six (6) small, unlined lagoons of waste. Various organic contaminants were found in water samples collected in ponds on-site, in soil samples collected on-site, and in the groundwater. A sample taken from an adjacent homeowner's well revealed the presence of methylene chloride in the groundwater.

An immediate removal action was initiated by EPA on June 20, 1983 and was completed on July 21, 1983. The cleanup activities consisted of removing 5,383 55-gallon drums and 15-gallon containers and an estimated 70,000 gallons of water and an unknown volume of sludge and solid waste materials from the six lagoons. After the contents of the lagoons were removed and treated, the lagoons were back-filled.

5. Description of Proposed Activities: This project will consist of a remedial investigation and a feasibility study meeting the requirements of Section 300.68 of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan (40 CRP Part 300). The project will include definition of the nature and extent of the problems at the site, characterization of the hazardous wastes present, a hydrogeological investigation, a soils and sediments investigation, a surface water investigation and an air investigation (if deemed necessary). Also included will be the development of remedial action alternatives, the evaluation of the alternatives, an environmental assessment of the alternatives, cost analyses, recommendations of a cost-effective remedial alternative, an endangerment assessment, and community relations activities to inform and receive input from public officials and the affected community.
6. Community Relations Activities: Community relations activities will be conducted as part of this project to inform and receive input from public officials and the affected community. These may include preparing a community relations plan, holding public meetings, organizing press conferences and workshops, distributing press releases, speaking to concerned citizens' groups, preparing fact sheets, and establishing an information repository and administrative record in the vicinity of the site.
7. Estimated Cost: \$600,000, to be 100% funded by U.S. EPA when funds are available.
8. Projected Start Date: Second quarter of fiscal year 1988.
9. Projected Completion Date: To be determined.

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Please address any questions you may have to Jon K. Bornholm of my staff.

Sincerely yours,

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